



JANUARY



A Great Heritage...

A Great Future...

DAN D. LINES

By Dr. Dan Darby, Pastor

2023 marks an important year for our congregation. This year the congregation will mark 175 years as a congregation the church having been founded in 1848. It also marks 165 years for our sanctuary, which was built in 1858. Hopefully, the congregation will plan some sort of anniversary celebration later in the year.

In 2023, you will be receiving a new pastor. I will retire from ministry marking the end of my tenure of eight years as your pastor the longest tenure of any pastor in the history of the congregation. On July 1, your church leadership expects to receive a new pastor approved by the Global Methodist Church; which will be our church's new denominational home. Bishop Scott Jones and the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church have been most gracious to me and the congregation by allowing me to serve as pastor until June 30 as a United Methodist extension minister. This will give the church time to find a new pastor following an orderly and prayerful process.

Since our new identity as a Global Methodist congregation starts this Sunday, January 1, our 10:00 a.m. worship service will include a Wesley Covenant Service and Holy Communion. The Wesley Covenant Service goes back to the founder of the Methodist Movement, John Wesley, and is a rededication of ourselves individually and as a congregation to the Lord. It is a pledge to give ourselves to the Lord's service in the good times and the bad, in prosperity and want, when it is easy and hard, and when it is joyful and difficult. Please begin praying now for this service.

Members of our Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) will lead *The Future of the Church Workshop* after our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 8, in the fellowship hall. A light lunch will be provided for participants. We will explore who we are as a congregation and set goals for whom we believe the Lord would like us to become. The workshop will give needed information to the PSC as they do the work of searching for the right pastoral match for our congregation. Every member and constituent of the congregation is invited and expected to attend. We cannot adequately do this work without you and your sense of where you feel the Lord is leading us. Please be praying in advance that you may help discern the Lord's will.

Through the 175-year history of Coldspring Methodist Church, we have been part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1848), the Methodist Church (1939), the United Methodist Church (1968) and the Global Methodist Church (2023). Becoming a Global Methodist Church (GMC) congregation has enabled us to establish full control of our property, material, and financial assets. The congregation no longer has to fear the loss of assets should the

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congregation wish to change denominations. Being a GMC congregation will encourage your leaders to teach a traditional view of human sexuality and marriage. The doctrine of the GMC states that the gift of sexuality is intended by God to be practiced within the commitment of marriage, and that marriage is defined as a covenant between a man and a woman. The GMC is a denomination that holds the Bible as the chief authority for teaching and doctrine. It is conservative and evangelical, teaching the importance of both a personal and corporate relationship with God through the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Our congregation will join the Eastern Texas Conference of the GMC, a name that could change, in that at least two congregations in Louisiana will be affiliating with our Conference. I expect that there will be about 250 churches in the Eastern Texas Conference. Our convening conference is scheduled for February 2-4 at Christ Church (GMC) in College Station. Sandra McQuiggin will be our lay delegate and Pat Clark will be our alternate.

May 2023 be a year marked by new beginnings, revival, and spiritual strength in our congregation. Many blessings to you and yours as we enter a joyful new year!

Pastor Dan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Merry Christmas, and holiday greetings to all! As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior and prepare for a new year, Marta and I thank Him for bringing us to Coldspring Methodist Church. It has been a challenging time in our lives, but the new relationships we are forming have made our landing much smoother. I was asked to chair the Christian Education Department and accepted. The study of the life changing truths in Gods' Word is exciting and uncovering those truths with the hungry is equally exciting. As we move into a new year, I'm asking anyone interested in uncovering, and teaching Gods' word to contact me at 832-794-7350. Together in His service, Ken Garza.

Missions Ministry – JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Mission's committee is looking to ramp up the Church's outreach to our local community. Please put our committee efforts into your prayers and if God puts a project on your heart share it with us! If he is leading you to share your talents in helping us help others, we would love to have you join us as you are able. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 936-443-4668. Let's make 2023 a year for the Coldspring community to be more thankful than ever for our Church's presence here!

Tyra Swanson



Happy New Year to your family! We are always excited for the New Year to see what God has planned for his church. We definitely have new beginnings as we step into the Global Methodist Church in 2023. I encourage you to visit the GMC website to learn what they are up to. <https://globalmethodist.org/>

Here at Coldspring Methodist Church, your evangelism team will sponsor our *annual* Wesley Bluegrass Concert on January 28th starting with a taco soup dinner at 5:30pm and free concert at 6:30pm. (Love offering for the bluegrass band from Texas A&M is appreciated.)

The bluegrass band features a variety of instruments and voices, from the deep string bass to the melodic mandolin. So many people at Wesley have learned a new instrument or started singing for the first time in the band. In addition to making music, the bluegrass band is well known among many Methodist churches for their road trips around Texas, and out of state, to share their music. Not only is the bluegrass band an opportunity to play music, it's also an opportunity to bring light to so many different people outside of Bryan-College Station! The whole community of Coldspring is invited so spread the word and invite a friend or two- this will be a very special treat to start our new year.

Evangelism committee members include Anne & Frank Closs, Marta & Ken Garza, Dianne Griffith, Shelley Thompson, Jackie Cleveland, Michael Clark, Pastor Dan Darby and Sandra McQuiggin. Please consider joining this committee – our mission is to be used by God and see all opportunities to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let's share God's LOVE to the world!

I recently read an article regarding the 3 E's of Evangelism:

Engagement- Matthew 22: 37,39, 1 Corinthians 13: 3, James 1:19

Empathy – 1 Corinthians 9:9-23, Ephesians 2:12

Explanation – 1 Peter 3:15

God's Blessings,
Sandra McQuiggin and your Evangelism Team

UMYF- **The Matches**

Igniting the flame of Christ in everyone

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

Here is a picture of our bowling night.



Here we are at Christmas in Goodrich and Lonestar Lights.



Coming up in January, we will attend the Hot Hearts conference in Beaumont on the 20-21. We will also be going on January 14th and help at UMCOR Depot in Conroe with the Mission Team from 10 a.m.-12³⁰ p.m. Meet at church at 9 a.m. We will have lunch after.

Join us for Sunday school at 8:45 a.m.

Happy to serve,

Carri Clark

Youth Coordinator



Pure Joy!

A New Year Brings a New Beginning

As the New Year starts
and the old year ends
There's no better time
to make amends
For all the things
we sincerely regret
And wish in our hearts
we could somehow forget-
We all make mistakes,
for it's human to err,
But no one need ever
give up in despair,
For God gives us all
a brand-new beginning,
A chance to start over
and repent of our sinning-
And when God forgives us
we too must forgive
And resolve to do better
each day that we live
By constantly trying
to be like Him more nearly
And to trust in His wisdom
and love Him more dearly-
Assured that we're never
out of His care
And we're always welcome
to seek Him in prayer.

Helen Steiner Rice

Cheesy Chicken Chili

1 (28ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (15 ounce) can Kidney beans, rinsed, drained
1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, drained
2(14 ounce) cans chicken broth
2(12 ounce) cans chicken breasts with liquid
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 (8 ounce) package shredded Mexican
4 cheese blend, divided blend, divided

Combine tomatoes,
kidney beans, pinto
beans, broth, chicken,
chili powder and a
little salt and
pepper in soup pot.

Bring to boil, reduce
heat and simmer for
25 minutes.

Stir in half cheese and spoon into individual
soup bowls. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top of
each serving. Serves 8.

Recipe: Marilyn Blackmon



School for Little Children

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!!! We are glad to be back at school after a great Christmas Break. The staff and I are excited to get back to working with the children. You will receive your tax statements this month; I will begin handing them out January 17, 2022. The SFLC will undergo a reevaluation mid-January. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we go through this. This is for The Texas Rising Star program.

Themes for the month are

Pre-K- Stories and Rhymes

3's -Favorite Tales and Rhymes

Toddlers- Shapes and Sizes

We also have activities planned that help us learn about the colder weather.

On days that the weather allows us to get outside and get fresh air we will be going out. All children will go out. We do not have enough staff to keep one person in. Our policy is if they are too ill to participate in all activities then you may want to keep them out of school.

The weather in our area is unpredictable; please make sure your child has a change of clothes suitable for the weather. Make sure your child's jacket is LABELED with their name. It is impossible for us to keep track of who brought what jacket to school.

Speaking of the weather, keep in mind that in instances of inclement weather when COCISD closes we close as well. We will make every attempt possible to notify you through Facebook and email as well as text message. The school will also reopen when COCISD reopens unless otherwise notified.

I recently I sent home letters to parents of children who need to update the shot records that we have on file. Remember I need these records no later than Feb1.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lincoln 01/03

Rhett 01/04

Hayes T. 01/16

Raelyn 01/26

Tymber 01/28

School Holiday

January 16, 2021- MLK Day

When school ended in December for Christmas break the flu and RSV were making its way around our community. If your child appears to be ill do not send them to school. Any child sent home would need to be fever/ symptom free for 48 hours without the use of medication in order to come back to school. Children with a doctor's release may return 24 hours after fever and symptoms have subsided.

Thank you for all of your support

SFLC Staff

JANUARY Birthdays

JANUARY Anniversaries

Brad & Jan Park 01/02
 Russell & Vicki Jowell 01/03

Alyssa Pulk 01/01	Frank McMurrey 01/17
Sharon Mueller 01/03	Sharon Brignac 01/20
Anneice Wood 01/07	Stacy Amszi 01/21
Sylvia Young 01/12	Denny Clark 01/24
Ashlynn Looney 01/13	Linda Winkelmann 01/25
Mac McGregor 01/13	Tye Clark 01/29

January Ushers
 10:00 a.m. Callie Duncan & Debbie Elledge

January Greeters

January 1st Frank & Anne Closs
 January 8th Ron Orlando & Bea Glassco
 January 15th Denise Thurmond &
 Tom & Terri Cook
 January 22nd Monica & Taylor Viator
 January 29th Ron Orlando & Carri Clark

COLDSRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through November 2023

	<u>Jan - Nov 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
TOTAL INCOME	323,226.95	298,285.13	24,941.82	108.4%
Total Income	323,226.95	298,285.13	24,941.82	108.4%
Expense				
Ask the Client	1,864.79			
Personnel Expense	203,309.13	203,825.27	-516.14	99.7%
Administrative Expenses	11,340.58	17,989.73	-6,649.15	63.0%
Finance Committee	2,073.10	1,833.37	239.73	113.1%
Bus Expense	403.75	2,291.74	-1,887.99	17.6%
Christian Education	3,044.57	2,291.63	752.94	132.9%
Children & Youth	1,193.36	5,041.63	-3,848.27	23.7%
Senior Activities	0.00	91.63	-91.63	0.0%
Evangelism	1,991.29	2,016.63	-25.34	98.7%
Fellowship	860.86	1,466.63	-605.77	58.7%
Missions	7,962.81	5,499.89	2,462.92	144.8%
Music Expense	1,816.30	4,354.13	-2,537.83	41.7%
Worship	661.21	1,833.37	-1,172.16	36.1%
Buildings & Grounds Expenses	71,349.71	89,136.74	-17,787.03	80.0%
Church Utilities	31,750.56	28,645.87	3,104.69	110.8%
Beyond the Local Church	25,882.72	23,569.26	2,313.46	109.8%
Total Expense	365,504.74	389,887.52	-24,382.78	93.7%
Net Income	-42,277.79	-91,602.39	49,324.60	46.2%



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 1st Service as part of the Global Methodist Conference Holy Communion Sunday Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	2 OFFICE CLOSED Elizabeth Ross Oakwood Cemetery Graveside service 12:00pm Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	3 Mission Committee Meeting 2:00pm Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:30pm	4 CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Choir 8:45am Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am "Future of the Church" Workshop/Lunch eon 11:00am	9 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	10 Women With Grace Book Club 10:00am Share the Bread 1:00pm	11 CMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 8:15am CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm	12	13	14 Scout Workshop Pinewood Dirby 9:00am - 12:00pm UMCOR Conroe Trip Youth/Adults 10:00am
15 Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	16 Martin Luther King Day OFFICE CLOSED Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	17	18 CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm	19 Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	20 Hot Hearts Youth Conference Women With Grace Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodys 9:30am Set Up Pinewood Dirby 6:00pm	21 Hot Hearts Youth Conference Scouts Pinewood Dirby 8:00am - 12:00pm
22 Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	23 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	24 Share the Bread 1:00pm	25 CMYF "The Matches" 5:30pm - 7:30pm	26	27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	28 Taco Dinner 5:30pm Blue Grass Concert 6:30pm
29 Sunday School all ages in C.F.L.C. 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	30 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	31				

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